

Minutes

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD Accountability Metrics Subcommittee

January 10, 2023

9:00-10:00 am

Subcommittee members present: Jeanne Savage, Sarah Present, Kat Mastrangelo, Jocelyn Warren

Subcommittee members absent: Cristy Muñoz, Ryan Petteway

OHA staff: Sara Beaudrault, Kusuma Madamala, Diane Leiva, Elliot Moon, Ann Thomas, Amanda Spencer, Carol Trenga

Guest presenters: Kathleen Rees, Lauralee Fernandez, Kathleen Johnson

Welcome and introductions

November and December meeting minutes approved.

Environmental Health Priorities and Measures

- Do proposed indicators for summer heat-related morbidity and mortality meet the criteria the subcommittee has developed to use to select indicators?
- Where have communities provided feedback on these indicators to show that they are community priorities.
- What are the subcommittee's expectations for policy-related metrics, which is a component of the overall metrics framework.

Data sources

- Discussed data sources for summer heat-related morbidity and mortality, which include vital statistics death records, hospitalization data and Essence ER and urgent care data.
 - Discussed limitations, which include lags in when final data are available, incomplete race and ethnicity data, issues related to small numbers, lack of public health access to hospitalization data and some ways to address limitations (reporting by region instead of county or aggregating data over years, data sharing agreements to ensure LPHAs have access to data).
 - Known inequities include socioeconomic status, housing status and exposures for outdoor workers.
 - There was recognition that data are imperfect. But the subcommittee can approach this from a strengths-based perspective by focusing on the work happening to keep

people safe and out of hospitals and preventing deaths. The available data may not be everything PHAB wants for accountability metrics but may provide enough as a starting place to move forward.

Community input

- Discussed ways in which communities have provided input that demonstrates that climate and health is a priority. OHA staff provided some examples of ways communities have provided input.
 - 2018 state health assessment
 - State climate plans that were developed based on community input
 - Recent report on mental health effects of climate change on youth which included focus groups, key informant interviews and storytelling projects
 - Feedback provided for the Medicaid waiver.

Community-based organizations

- Question raised about how OHA funding to CBOs is being captured in these metrics.
- OHA staff noted that PHAB included items in its charter related to establishing accountability metrics for evaluating OHA and LPHAs in achieving statewide goals and making metrics available and relevant more broadly across partners.

Policy metrics

- Discussed policy-related metrics, which is the third area of the metrics framework.
 - Metrics in this area are intended to show how policies are contributing to or eliminating root causes of health inequities. Within this area of the framework, individual LPHAs are not held accountable for local policy changes. The public health system as a whole is accountable, as well as other sectors, and state and local elected officials. PHAB may also have a role in advancing needed policy changes.
 - OHA staff asked whether subcommittee members expect to see measures of what public health does to support policy changes, or measures of changes to policies over time?
 - Many subcommittee members recommended focusing on measuring what public health authorities need to do to support policy changes, like doing more to frame issues in terms of public health impact, participating on advisory committee and governing boards, ensuring cross sector collaboration, and other actions to bring public health and health equity perspectives to cross sector policy work.
 - It was noted that these types of work align with OHA and LPHA work toward foundational capabilities. Can we use the policy section of the framework to demonstrate impact through local ordinances or other policy changes? For environmental health, this could include policy changes that increase adaptive capacity and community resilience. These are the types of things we're trying to achieve through policy.

Subcommittee business

- Continue to discuss environmental health metrics and move toward a set of environmental health metrics to recommend to PHAB. The subcommittee will then shift its attention to communicable disease metrics.
- Jocelyn agreed to provide a subcommittee update at the Jan 12 PHAB meeting

Public comment

No public comment.

Meeting was adjourned
